	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Crude oil imports (MMT)	57.81	74.10	78.71
Crude oil import value (in Rs. crore)	40,028	65,932	60,397

Cost of production of LPG

71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase LPG price;

(b) if so, the reasons for the proposed increase; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by Government to reduce the cost of production of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the extant Government policy, the subsidy on domestic LPG is on a flat rate basis effective 1st April 2002 and the retail prices will vary as per price changes in the international oil market.

(c) Oil refining being continuous process industry with multi product output, product-wise cost of production is not worked out. However, some of the cost cutting measures adopted by the oil companies include improvement in the capacity utilization of LPG bottling plants, reduction in transportation costs by setting up bottling plants in a dispersed manner, etc.

Oil reserves with public sector oil companies

72. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of oil reserves with various public sector oil companies;